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1. SUMMARY: PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES STRIKE AND LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE ENDED WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENTS IN LIMA BUT CONTINUE IN SOME OF THE PROVINCES. MOST MINES ARE WORKING NORMALLY. END SUMMARY.

2. PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES IN LIMA RETURNED TO WORK SEPTEMBER 7. IN AREQUIPA, TRUJILLO, AYACUCHO, AND PIURA, PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES HAVE CONTINUED THE STRIKE. WHILE THERE WAS SOME FIGHTING SEPTEMBER 6 IN LIMA BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND DEMONSTRATORS, WHO ALL TOLD NUMBERED TENS OF THOUSANDS, INCLUDING MANY STUDENTS, WE KNOW OF NO SERIOUS INJURIES. NO INCIDENTS AT TODAY'S DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PROVINCES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

3. THE MINING STRIKE HAS ENDED ALMOST ENTIRELY. MINERS ARE HOLDING OUT ONLY IN ONE LESS IMPORTANT CENTROMIN MINE (CASAPALCA, NEAR LA OROYA) AND AT HIERRO PERU (EX-MARCONA). AT THE LATTER, SEVERAL CLERICS INCLUDING AN AMERICAN NUN REPORTEDLY INTERVENED
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AND PERSUADED MINERS TO REVERSE DECISION TO LIFT THE STRIKE. THEY STOOD IN THE WAY OF MINERS WHO ATTEMPTED TO RETURN TO WORK.

4. PERUVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERSHIP HAS CALLED FOR A RALLY ON SEPTEMBER 8 OF PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES AND THE FEW MINERS REMAINING IN LIMA TO PROTEST THE FIRING OF WORKERS. LEFT WING CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ARE TRYING TO FORCE CONVOCAATION

OF AN ASSEMBLY PLENARY SESSION TO DISCUSS THE MINE STRIKE.
THEY NEED 34 SIGNATURES OF DELEGATES TO DO SO.

5. BANK WORKERS WILL BE ON STRIKE SEPTEMBER 8 AND WE
UNDERSTAND JOURNALISTS ON DAILY NEWSPAPERS ARE CONSIDERING A
WALKOUT.
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